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# THE PUNISHER 2099



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MORGAN  
+ J. PALMIOTTI '93

HIS FAMILY WAS MURDERED BY A PSYCHOPATH IN AN AGE WHERE JUSTICE CAN BE BOUGHT AND NO ONE BELIEVES IN OLD-FASHIONED PUNISHMENT ANYMORE... NO ONE EXCEPT JAKE GALLONS... A WEAPONS SPECIALIST IN THE PUBLIC EYE POLICE FORCE BY DAY, AT NIGHT HE IS INCORRUPTIBLE JUSTICE.

STAN LEE PRESENTS:

# PUNISHER 2099



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# LOVE AND BULLETS PART TWO PASSION

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GOT TO  
GET IT  
OUT...

FOUND  
HIM! WASTE  
HIM!

BEFORE...







MAYBE YOU  
SHOULD LET THE  
REST OF THEM GO,  
JAKE?

YEAH...I  
KNOW IT...

WHAT I DID  
SEEMED TO MAKE  
SENSE...BUT AS THE  
PAIN IN MY GUT GOES,  
I'M SEEING THINGS  
DIFFERENTLY.

I'M STILL HURT...BUT  
YOU'VE MADE A  
DIFFERENCE, KERRY.  
I DON'T FEEL I NEED  
TO DO THIS ANYMORE.

THE WORLD  
ISN'T SUCH A  
SICK PLACE,  
JAKE...THERE  
IS HOPE...

YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO BE  
ALONE ANY-  
MORE...

KEEP  
TALKING. I'M  
HEARING  
YOU.

YOU'VE GOT  
ME--IF YOU  
WANT ME.

WANT  
YOU...?  
I NEED  
YOU.

HEY...LET'S  
CHILL OUT...  
YOU INTO  
K.R.?



YOU GOT  
THE GEAR...?

BETTER THAN  
THAT. I'VE A  
WHOLE ROOM.



IT'S TOP OF THE  
LINE STUFF...100%  
CONVINCING...I WAS  
GOING TO USE IT FOR  
INTERROGATION...

BUT I  
THINK DOING  
FUN IS MORE  
IMPORTANT.



WOW!  
IMPRESSIVE!

LET'S HAVE A LOOK  
AT THE PLEASURE  
SECTION...NEVER  
CHECKED IT BEFORE...

WHAT DO YOU CARE  
FOR? "VENUSIAN HONEY-  
MOON"... "PASSION  
DESERTS OF MARS"..."  
SATURN SATURNALIA..."



WOW! YOU'RE  
A  
"NATURAL".

YEP. IT'S ALL ME.  
NO SURGERY ON  
THIS BOD. JUST  
HARD WORK KEEPS  
ME IN SHAPE.



"PASSION DESERTS  
OF MARS"...EH...?  
HMM...LET'S CHANGE  
INTO ROLE..."



# BULLPEN BULLETINS

## TOM TALKS

Hello, again!

A funny thing happened to me the other day at my friendly neighborhood comic book store. I was struck by most uncanny revelation while looking over our ever-increasing competition. Large X's seemed to overflow the comic book racks, sweeping across them like an unstoppable tidal wave.

Sure, I realize that Marvel publishes X-MEN UNCANNY X-MEN, CLASSIC X-MEN, X-MEN UNLIMITED, X-MEN ADVENTURES, X-FORCE and a few dozen other X-titles whenever time permits, but I'm not talking about our titles.

I'm referring to all of the other guys who are publishing comics featuring big X's plastered across their covers. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, I guess Marvel must be the most flattered comics company of all.

Curious as to how much praise our illustrious imitators wanted to heap on us, I spent an enjoyable few minutes flipping through their titles, and noting other similarities. It was great fun! Not only did I instantly spot half a dozen berserk, healing-factored, clawed individuals, but I also saw a couple of red, white and blue shield-slingers as well!

Needless to say, we here at mighty Marvel are thrilled by all of the kind and thoughtful attention it just goes to show, we blushingly admit, that our comics are still the standard by which all others are judged!

And speaking of judging, I think this calls for a contest! Every time you spot a character or comic book title which is obviously based on one of ours, I'd like you to send a letter to us ... and to the other publisher. We'll award Official Marvel No-prizes to the best letters, and I'm certain that the other publishers will have some kind words for us as well.

Mail all entries to:

### The Mighty Marvel Mimic Contest

Yo Marvel Comics  
387 Park Avenue South  
New York 10016

As for the other publishers, mail their entries to:  
The Mighty Marvel Mimic Contest

Yo Their name and address

(And tell them that Two-fisted Tom sent you!)

The purpose of this contest is to have a little fun, not to insult or embarrass any one of our captivating copycats. Please keep your letters polite and clever. There's never an excuse for rudeness!

Thanks for being there!

*Tom D.*

Tom D.

## HYPELINE: ON SALE THIS WEEK

- AKIRA #38:** Back by popular demand!
- AVENGERS: TERMINATRIX OBJECTIVE #1 OF 4:** With Thunderstrike, USAgent and War Machine!
- BARBIE FASHION #33:** Barbie hits the right notes at a jazz festival!
- BLACK AXE #6:** Black Panther guest stars!
- CONAN SAGA #78:** Conan, Red Sonja, and kung-fu vampires!
- DAMED WITH DEMONS #1:** It's from the past!
- DEATH'S HEAD 2 #10:** Beginning D-H's origin!
- DEATHLOCK #27:** Siege is going over the edge!
- DOCTOR WHO: CLASSIC COMICS #9:** These reprints are like time machines to the past!
- DR. STRANGE #67:** Unholy wants

to go to war!

- FANTASTIC FOUR #380:** Ben Grimm wants Doc Doom dead!
- FEUD #3 OF 4:** The Skids invade Steven Capra!
- GHOST RIDER ANNUAL #1:** Introducing Night Terror, a vicious urban mutant!
- GHOST RIDER/BLAZE: SPIRITS OF VENGEANCE #14:** Big changes for Blaze!
- HELLSTORM #6:** Some girls are more trouble when they're dead!
- HOKUM & HEX #1:** A cheap cut from Clive Barker's Razoria!
- THE INCOMPLETE DEATH'S HEAD #9 OF 12:** DH battles Doctor Who!
- THE INFINITY CRUSADE #4 OF 6:** Silver Surfer is transformed!
- IRON MAN #286:** Tony and Rhodey go at it like a couple of Rock'em

Sock 'em Robots!

- LAWDOG #6:** He won't roll over for anyone!
- MARVEL SPOTLIGHT:** Complete checklist of next month's Marvel!
- MARVEL UNIVERSE MASTER EDITION #3:** Thunderstrike stats! (REVIEW)
- MIGHTY MAN #2 OF 6:** MM returns!
- MONK KNIGHT #54:** The Shadowkeep demon revealed!
- THE NAME #64:** War's over! This series has been discharged! Move out!
- NEW WARRIORS #39:** Super-Nova is gunning for regular Nova!
- PUNISHER 2099 #8:** Jake ain't afraid no fear Master!
- PUNISHER WAR JOURNAL #58:** Ghost Rider and Daredevil guest-star!
- SILVER SURFER #84:** Sur meets

his dead parents!

- SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #204:** Rematch with Tombstone!
- WILLIAM SHATNER'S TEKWORLD #1:** Concluding "Warrior"
- THUNDERBIRD:** Hot battles! Ched Identity CRUSADE crossover!
- JOE KUBERT'S TOR #4 OF 4:** He's still mighty Tor!
- USAAGENT #4 OF 4:** The final secret of Scourge revealed!
- VENOM FUNERAL PYRE #2 OF 3:** With Punisher and Pyre!
- WHAT THE? FALL SPECIAL:** Meet Spider-Man 2099!
- X-FORCE #26:** Cable gets de-regulated!
- X-MEN CLASSIC #87:** Colossus and Juggernaut in a barroom brawl!
- X-MEN UNLIMITED #2:** One human can kill Magneto!

Here we are, several weeks into the summer, and we haven't done one of those traditional "ode to summer" pages yet.

So we asked our creative folk how their characters would spend their summer vacations if super heroes

el agents of the future have lots of activities lined up for their characters. Noted Pat and Tony, "Punisher 2099 would open up another wing of his Punishment Hotel — building a bigger sewer for more scum. And he would go on safari and wrestle lions and head-but rhinos."

Ron Gouart, who comes to us from the alternate future of WILLIAM SHATNER'S TEKWORLD, said of the hero of that book, "Jake Cardigan doesn't take vacations. The last time he tried, five separate Tek carts tried to ambush him!"

Wet behind the ears NAMOR scripter Glenn Herdling said the one true Sub-Mariner would "go to Sea-World to spend his vacation with a few relatives!"

Finally, we have MAD DOG artist Ty Templeton, who said that Bob McCay's classic canine hero would "do one of two things: he'd either go on a good wail tour of the fire hydrants of New England, or he'd recuperate from a particularly unpleasant drowsing!"

We don't know about you, but this page has given us lots of neat ideas on how to spend our own vacation!

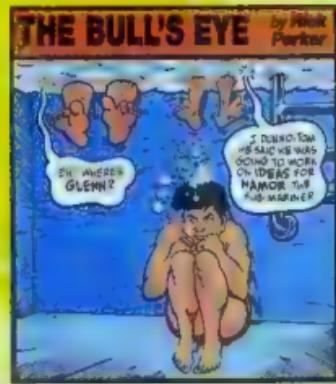


were allowed to take a holiday. Here's what they had to say:

Ultra-prolific writer Gerry Jones gave us two answers. "Wonder Man would do 'Death of a Salesman' in summer stock. It would be the first time where instead of just dying, Willie Loman would go off in an atomic blast." As for Hulk 2099, whom Gerry writes every three months in *UNLIMITED*, "He would go down to the lifeless sands of polluted California, and bask in the under the irradiated skies of the ozoneless future, toast himself to a golden green!"

Gerry's partner on *WONDER MAN*, penciler Jeff Johnson, has a different acting gig in mind for Simon Williams. Jeff said Wonder Man would spend his summer "guest-starring on *90210*!" (Sounds like a dangerous job! That Shannon Doherty is one tough customer!) AKIRA translator Jo Duffy said that the cast of that series would most likely "visit and destroy by telekinetic various lovely cities around the world."

The writing duo of Pat Mills and Tony Skinner write two of the 2099 books. (Together, that makes 4198!) These trav-







# NERULIA HOSPICE

SISTERHOOD OF THE  
IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

I TRUST THERE WILL  
BE NO MORE ESCAPES  
LIKE THE MR MUSCLES  
PROJECT STONE.

BUT YOU'RE SLOPPY,  
TYLER, AND THAT'S UNFORGIVABLE.

NOT ONLY DID YOU LET THE  
DEGEN ESCAPE, BUT THERE  
WAS THE WHOLE SPIDER-  
MAN FIASCO.

I DON'T CARE HOW MANY  
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
SUFFER FOR OUR MUTUAL PROFIT.

HUH.. HELP  
ME! MAKE  
THEM STOP  
THE TREAT-  
MENT!  
HUGH!

YOUR TRACK RECORD ISN'T  
SO HOT, SPACEMAN.  
YOU'VE YET TO ELIMINATE  
THIS PUNISHER WHO'S BEEN  
KILLING HALF THE PEOPLE  
IN THE CITY...

INCLUDING  
MY SON KRON.

SO BUY  
ANOTHER  
SON





YOU'RE INTRIGUING ME... I HAVE TO ADMIT I HAVE A SIMILAR PROBLEM WITH SPIDER-MAN... WHAT ARE THE DETAILS...?

MY SOURCES TELL ME A MS. KERRY DOWENEN... A PARA-PSYCH AT THE PUBLIC EYE... HAD A FILE ON THE PUNISHER...

...AND HINTED TO HER COLLEAGUES SHE KNEW WHO HE WAS

THEN--FOR NO GOOD REASON-- SHE WENT IN ONE DAY AND WIPE THE FILE

WE NEED TO TALK. DON'T CALL YOUR TRANSPORT... LET'S USE MY CAR-- MY CHAUFFEUR IS WAITING

NOW--IT SEEMS REASONABLE TO ME--THAT IF I WANT TO FIND THE PUNISHER, MS. DOWENEN'S WHERE TO START

I'M GOING TO DEAL WITH THIS YOUNG WOMAN PERSONALLY

JAKE I  
WANT YOU TO  
DO THIS ONE  
FOR ME ..

I KNOW THERE  
ARE DEGENS  
BEING EXPERI-  
MENTED ON IN  
THE NEBULA  
HOSPICE

YOU'D BETTER BE SURE ABOUT THIS, MATT. I DON'T  
FEEL COMFORTABLE ABOUT SMASHING MY WAY INTO  
A HOSPICE FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL.

WELL... COMPUTER  
RECORDS SHOW NO  
ADMITTANCES SINCE  
IT OPENED

BUT FRIENDS  
OF MR MUSCLES  
SAID THIS WAS  
WHERE HE WAS  
TAKEN WHEN HE  
GOT SICK

WHO OWNED  
MR MUSCLES...?  
ALCHEMAX. WHO  
RUNS THIS PLACE ?  
ALCHEMAX

WHO MAKES  
ENERGIDE...?  
ALCHEMAX.  
FIGURE IT OUT,  
JAKE

I GOT IT  
FIGURED

EXCUSE ME, EXCUSE  
ME BUT YOU  
CAN'T...

RECRUIT

NOBODY  
MOVE... OR  
YOU'RE ALL  
READ MEAT

I BEG YOUR  
PARDON? THIS  
ISN'T VISITING  
HOURS.

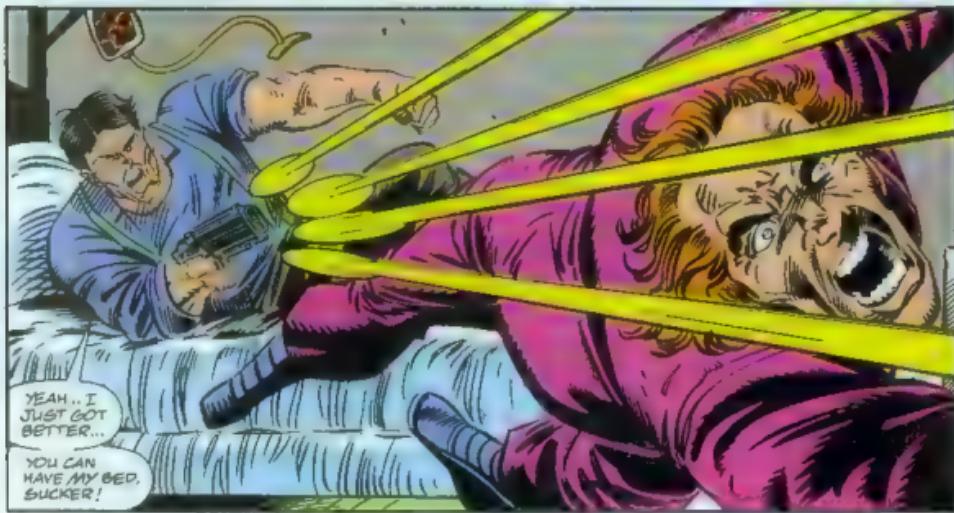
WHAT  
THE  
WHEE?

WHAT'S THE  
MEANING OF  
THIS  
INTRUSION? WHO  
ARE YOU  
PEOPLE?

MATT,  
YOU'VE  
BLOWN IT!

HOW DARE YOU  
COME IN HERE  
WAVING GUNS?  
THIS IS A  
HOSPICE... THESE  
PEOPLE ARE  
SICK AND  
DYING!

I...  
I...



SO, MR PUNISHER. NOW YOU KNOW THE SECRET OF OUR HOME FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL

YEAH--  
I GET THE  
PICTURE...  
IT'S ALL A  
FRONT

LOVE AND BULLETS!

DIE,  
YOU!...  
AAGHH.

THIS SURE  
BEATS LYING  
HERE PLAYING  
"PATIENTS 'N'  
NURSES..."

YEAH--WE  
GET PAID TO  
KILL--NOT LIE  
IN BED.

I'LL TAKE EM  
OUT WITH A  
GRENADE

GEO-SPATIAL  
CO-ORDINATES  
FIXED... SIX  
TARGETS  
LOCKED...  
LASER FIRING  
SEQUENCE  
COMMENCE...



ZONE CLEARED...  
FIVE METERS...  
SYSTEM ON  
STAND-BY... SIX  
TARGETS HIT.





THIS IS THE LAST  
TIME, KERRY...THE  
FINAL MISSION...

I'M  
COMING  
HOME...

I'VE FOUND  
SOMETHING  
BETTER TO  
DO AT NIGHTS...

YOU'RE  
ALL THAT  
MATTERS  
NOW.

NEXT ISSUE:  
**REQUIEM**

# Target Practice

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All letters for publication must include your name and address,  
although we will gladly withhold that info upon request.

## Out Of My Head

All right, I've had it! I'm tired of entering a bookstore with bucks in my back pocket, looking at the science fiction rack, and leaving empty-handed! From now on, here are THE RULES...

1) You guys with your elves and magic jewels and trolls and singing swords, get out of the science fiction section! Go start your own!

2) Especially get out of the section with these books with elves and magic jewels and trolls and singing swords on shelves!

3) If you're a big, fat, dead cult leader, stop writing books! You're dead!

THE RULES will be enforced!

Dear Pat and Tony,

A few months ago I would have put PUNISHER on the bottom rung of the 2099 ladder. This is not criticism, just personal preference. Then you guys pulled a fast one. Real fast.

Issue #5 was as exciting as a Spielberg movie and #6 even more so. The kinetic accumulator is one of the most imaginative gimmicks I've come across in English (not just comics, but books too). Jake Gallows' face scrambler is second in originality and effectiveness only to Mr. Kent's glasses.

If the sky's the limit, your typewriters are on cloud nine. Keep it up.

Steve Perram  
2520 Meridian St.  
Bellingham, WA 98225

A Spielberg movie, huh? You may have something there. How about Jurassic Park 2099? Hock 2099? 1961 2099?

Dear Target Practice,

PUNISHER 2099 is by far one of the best comic series ever! I love the artwork Jake Gallows looks so real in his facial expressions and his outfit doesn't look like it was just painted on. The storyline so far is excellent! I love the way Jake has his face scrambler and the invisibility of his bike. The high-tech equipment is neat, especially Jake's chair that disintegrates people. His underground prison was another great idea! It's kind of sad though that the future has no punishment for crime. But thanks to the Punisher that should change!

I notice that there aren't many letters from female readers in most comics, especially PUNISHER 2099. Guys may think that we wouldn't like all of the violence, but I love it! I get a personal high every time I see the Punisher bash in bad guys' skulls with his really cool variable density bat!

Is Jake going to have an arch-enemy coming up soon? Will you reveal more on how the original Punisher died?

Is there any chance of Jake having a relationship with a woman? I think a girlfriend would calm his nerves. Maybe a counterpart—a punishment!

I can't wait for next issue. All I can say is keep up the awesome work! Later!

Heather Gakuzzi  
16024 Finch Rd.  
Apple Valley, CA 92307

Heather, between Fearmaster, Multi-Fractor, Mr. Sither, the Cyber-Nostra, the Ninja Nostra and the Public Eye, doesn't Jake have his hands full? We don't think so either. Wait for the premiere of Jigsaw 2099!

As for Jake getting a girlfriend, how do you like Kerry?

Dear Joey and Matt,

Being the Punisher fan that I am, I checked out PUNISHER 2099. I'm happy to say that after five issues, I enjoy the new version just as much as the original.

I enjoy the way you show futuristic equipment as classics for 2099. My personal favorites are the .54 magnum and the molecular disintegrator. Jake Gallows combines the past and present by using the classic .54 magnum along with the power bat and other futuristic gear.

There are a number of things which concern me though.

1) Does the Injury Gallows received (issue #1, page 20—microwaves to the kneecaps) affect him at all, or is that the reason he wears the knee pads?

2) How does he feel about Thorites converting to Spiderism (as seen in SPIDER-MAN 2099 #9), being the Thorite he is?

3) Is Matt Jake Gallows' version of Frank Castle's Microchip?

And how about a crossover? Since Jake read Castle's War Journal (another excellent idea), he knows about the original Spider-Man. Maybe they could confront each other and it could be called, "together again for the first time." Catchy, huh?

Also, Gallows should know about Dr. Doom, so will he be knocking on Doom's door? While we're at it, why not have the Punisher catch a news flash about Ravage on the tube?

Until I get some mutant powers of my own, make mine Marvell!

Robert Andrews  
2225 Navaro Rd. SW  
Canton, OH 44706

You already have a mutant power, Rob—an active mind! Hope these answers satisfy it.

1) Jake fully recovered from the injuries he suffered at the hands of Kron Stone in issue #1. The knee pads are for protection.

- 2) Not sure yet.
- 3) Sort of.

All the 2099 characters will meet in our crossover, "The Fall of the Hammer," even including the new X-MEN 2099! See everybody team up this December!

Dear Target Practice,  
I love your comic! It's the best. A few requests:

- 1) Kill the Fearmaster.
- 2) Make Spider-Man 2099 guest-star.
- 3) Make Frank Castle somehow guest star.
- 4) Make Thor guest star.

Till the Punisher needs a self-defense class, make mine Marvel.

Brian Mitchell

(Address withheld by request)

You make it all sound so easy, Brian! We'll definitely be doing more stuff with the Thorites, especially in the big crossover, but as for the rest...

## MORE OF MARVEL 2099

**SPIDER-MAN 2099 #12** We've had a lot of reader requests to see more of the "Virtual Unreality Department" of Alchemax...now, you get to see it in all its glory...and the coming of...the Prophet!

**RAVAGE 2099 #10** At last! The fearsome face of Ravage revealed in "Rebirth of the Beast"! Plus, Barto Man from PUNISHER 2099 makes a guest appearance!

**DOOM 2099 #9** Jack the Ripper! Frankenstein's Monster! The villains of the past meet the ultimate villain of the future!

**2099 UNLIMITED #2** You asked for the return of HULK 2099! Gerry Jones, Dwayne Turner and Kyle Baker were glad to oblige!

## NEXT ISSUE

The Fearmaster returns...crueler than ever, as "Love and Bullets" continues!

